

WOODROW WILSON REHABILITATION CENTER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Title: MANAGEMENT OF SYRINGES/NEEDLES IN THE DORM
Policy Number: 7.29
Effective Date: 5/23/94
Lead Department: Nursing

OBJECTIVE: To provide for the safe independent use of supplies required for client delivery of medications by injection on the WWRC campus.

PROCEDURE:

1. Clients requiring medications by injection will be assessed by a nurse to determine their ability to self-administer injections.
2. If the client is determined to be independent in the self-administration of injections, the client will be allowed to keep the medications and supplies in his/her dorm room. Medications and supplies must be kept in a locked cabinet and secure from other persons at all times.
3. Medication requiring refrigeration may be stored in Nursing if access to refrigeration in the dorm is not available.
4. A Sharps Disposable Container and Point-Lok devices will be issued to the client. The client will be instructed in the use of these items. Documentation in the medical record will reflect that the client received the devices and was instructed in the use of the items.
5. The client will be instructed that the Sharps Disposable Container is to be returned to Nursing for proper disposal when full.
6. Any used syringes/lancets found disposed of in the regular trash will be grounds for a Serious Behavioral Incident Report, and may result in the loss of privileges.
7. Diabetics may be required to keep a log of insulin usage and blood glucose readings daily. This record should be reviewed by Nursing weekly and placed in the medical record.